THE CHARTER OF THE ROYAL CANAL COMPANY,

WITH THEIR

RULES,

AND

EXTRACTS FROM THE ACT OF THE 29th OF HIS PRESENT MAJESTY GEORGE III.

WITH

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Subſcriptions, -	£. 134,000
Parliamentary Grant,	66,000
Fund of the Company	£. 200,000

CHARTER

OF THE

ROYAL CANAL COMPANY.

GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith and so forth, To all unto whom these presents shall come, GREETING. WHEREAS we are informed by the humble petition of our right trusty and right entirely beloved Cousin and Counsellor William Robert Duke of Leinster, our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin and Counsellor Henry Lawes Earl of Carhampton, our right trusty and well beloved Charles Lord Viscount Ranelagh, our right trusty and well beloved Counsellor Edward Michael Lord Baron Longford, our right trusty and well beloved Richard Lord

Petition for the Charter.

Petioners Names.

Baron Sunderlin, our right trusty and well beloved Counsellor Sir John Blaquiere, Knight of the Bath, our trusty and well beloved Sir William Gleadowe Newcomen, Baronet, Sir Thomas Fetherston, Baronet, John Hatch, Esq. Francis Fetherston, Esq. William Alexander, Alderman, James Ormsby, Esq. Jasper Debrisay, Esq. Captain William Wright, William Cope, Esq. John Binns, Esq. Thomas Andrews, Esq. and James Conolly, Esq. on behalf of themselves and several other persons, Undertakers for completing a Navigable Canal from Dublin to Tarmonbury, on the River Shannon, presented to our Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of our Kingdom of Ireland, That by an Act of Parliament, passed in the last Session of Parliament holden in our said Kingdom of Ireland, entitled, "*An Act for the Promotion and Encouragement of Inland Navigation*," it is amongst other things enacted, That debentures to the amount of 66,000l. bearing an interest after the rate of 4l. per centum per annum, be issued to such persons as then were, or should be Undertakers for completing a Navigable Canal from Dublin to Tarmonbury, on the River Shannon, pursuant to their Petition presented to the House of Commons.

To complete a Navigable Canal from Dublin to Tarmonbury on the Shannon.

Act passed to issue 66,000l. in Debentures, at four per cent. per ann.

AND

And the ſaid Petitioners by their ſaid petition ſet forth, that it is by the ſaid Act enacted, That no debentures ſhall be iſſued, and that no grants ſhall be made to any ſuch Undertakers as therein mentioned, unleſs ſuch Undertakers ſhall actually have expended of their proper money on the Navigation under their management reſpectively, double the ſum which they ſhall demand of the public money.

Provided double the ſum of the public money be expended.

And the ſaid Petitioners by their ſaid petition alſo ſet forth, That it is alſo thereby enacted, that ſo ſoon as any ſubſcribers to any of the Undertakings therein mentioned, ſhall be conſtituted and created into a body corporate, they ſhall be and ſtand inveſted with, and ſhall hold and enjoy all and ſingular the like powers, privileges, advantages, and authorities in all things, for the purpoſes of carrying on the Navigation and Off-Branches therein mentioned, as were before the paſſing of the ſaid Act veſted in the Corporation for promoting and carrying on an Inland Navigation in Ireland, by virtue of the ſeveral Acts of Parliament heretofore paſſed in this kingdom, relative to and concerning Inland Navigation, and as were then veſted by law in the Company of Undertakers of the Grand Canal, for the purpoſe of enabling them to carry on the ſaid Canal.

And veſting like powers, &c. with thoſe of the Inland Navigation and Grand Canal Company.

Recital of the petition.

And the ſaid Petitioners by their ſaid petition alſo ſet forth, That the aforeſaid petition mentioned in the ſaid Act to have been preſented to the Houſe of Commons, was ſo preſented by and on behalf of the ſaid Petitioners, and ſeveral others who had then aſſociated, and have ſince ſubſcribed ſeveral ſums of money for the purpoſe of carrying on and completing an Inland Navigation between the city of Dublin and the ſaid town of Tarmonbury, on the River Shannon, in manner herein after mentioned.

And the ſaid Petitioners by their ſaid petition alſo ſet forth, That until they and ſuch other perſons as have ſubſcribed, and ſhall ſubſcribe to the ſaid Undertaking, ſhall be incorporated, the ſaid Act will be to them inoperative, as they and the ſaid Subſcribers cannot, until they ſhall be ſo incorporated, be inveſted with any powers to proceed on the ſaid Undertaking, or entitle themſelves to the aid intended for them by the ſaid Act.

Royal Grant.

And whereas our Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of our ſaid kingdom of Ireland, has laid before us, the ſaid petitioners moſt humble requeſt, that we would be graciouſly pleaſed by our Royal Charter, to conſtitute the ſaid petitioners, and ſuch other perſons as have already ſubſcribed, and may hereafter

ſubſcribe

ſubſcribe to the ſaid undertaking, a body corporate, for the purpoſe of carrying on the ſame, by the name of THE ROYAL CANAL COMPANY, with ſuch powers, privileges, and authorities, as we in our royal wiſdom ſhall think fit; and with which requeſt of the ſaid petitioners we are graciouſly pleaſed to comply.

KNOW YE THEREFORE, That we of our ſpecial grace certain knowledge and mere motion, by and with the advice and conſent of our right truſty and right entirely beloved Counſellor Richard Baron Rokeby, Archbiſhop of Armagh, and Primate of all Ireland, our right truſty and well beloved Counſellor John Baron Fitzgibbon, our Chancellor of our ſaid kingdom, and our right truſty and well beloved Counſellor John Foſter, Speaker of the Houſe of Commons of our ſaid kingdom of Ireland, our Juſtices General and General Governors of our ſaid kingdom of Ireland, and according to the tenor and effect of our Royal Letters, under our Privy Signet and Royal Sign Manual, bearing date at our Court at St. James's the 25th of Auguſt, 1789, and in the twenty-ninth year of our reign, and now enrolled in the Rolls of our High-Court of Chancery in our ſaid kingdom of Ireland, HAVE made, ordained, authorized, conſtituted and appointed, and by theſe preſents for us our heirs and ſucceſſors,

dated 25th Aug. 1789.

ſucceſſors, we do make, ordain, authorize, conſtitute and appoint our right truſty and right entirely beloved Couſin and Counſellor William Robert Duke of Leinſter, our right truſty and right well beloved Couſin and Counſellor Henry Lawes Earl of Carhampton, our right truſty and well beloved Charles Lord Viſcount Ranelagh, our right truſty and well beloved Counſellor, Edward Michael Lord Baron Longford our right truſty and well beloved Richard Lord Baron Sunderlin, our right truſty and well beloved Counſellor, Sir John Blaquiere, Knight of the Bath, our truſty and well beloved Sir William Gleadowe Newcomen, Baronet, Sir Thomas Fetherſton, Bart. John Hatch, Eſq. Francis Fetherſton, Eſq. William Alexander, Alderman, James Ormſby, Eſq. Jaſper Debriſay, Eſq. Captain William Wright, William Cope, Eſq. John Binns, Eſq. Thomas Andrews, Eſq. and James Conolly, Eſq. and all ſuch other perſons as now have, or hereafter ſhall have any ſhare or ſhares in the joint ſtock herein after mentioned, to be one body politic and corporate in deed and in name, and to have continuance for ever, for the purpoſe of carrying on, and completing the aforeſaid Inland Navigation, between the ſaid City of Dublin and the ſaid Town of Tarmonbury, in manner herein after mentioned, and for the making ſuch Navigable Cuts and Off Branches, as herein

after

after mentioned, by the name of THE ROYAL CANAL COMPANY, and by the ſame name to have perpetual ſucceſſion, and to ſue and be ſued, plead and be impleaded, anſwer and be anſwered unto, defend and be defended, in all and whatſoever courts and places, and before any judges, juſtices, or officers of us, our heirs and ſucceſſors whatſoever, in all and ſingular actions, pleas, ſuits, plaints, matters and demands of what kind or quality ſoever, they ſhall be in the ſame manner and form, and as amply as any of our ſubjects, bodies politic or corporate within our kingdom of Ireland; and may have, purchaſe, receive, take, poſſeſs, or enjoy all ſuch lands, buildings and appurtenances of what kind ſoever, and alſo all ſuch goods and chattels, as ſhall be neceſſary, for making and preſerving the ſaid Lines of Navigation, and their Off-Branches; and may grant, alien, demiſe, ſell, or aſſign the ſame, or any part thereof, at their free will and pleaſure; and to make and have a common ſeal for them and their ſucceſſors, for the carrying on, and expediting the buſineſs and affairs of the ſaid Company, and for the enſealing, making and executing deeds, grants, leaſes and inſtruments in writing of what nature or kind ſoever, which they ſhall find neceſſary to ſeal or make, relative to, or concerning any matter or thing appertaining to the buſineſs of the ſaid Company,

Stile and title.

By which to ſue and be ſued at law.

To purchaſe or ſell.

One common ſeal, changeable at pleaſure.

Company; and the ſame ſeal, at any time or times hereafter, to alter and change as they and their ſucceſſors ſhall think fit.

Power to carry on and complete aforeſaid Navigation, by two Canals.

And further, alſo we have given and granted, and by theſe preſents for us, our heirs and ſucceſſors, we do give and grant unto the ſaid Company full power and authority by themſelves, their agents, overſeers, workmen, and ſervants, to carry on, and complete the aforeſaid Navigation between the City of Dublin and the aforeſaid Town of Tarmonbury, on the River Shannon, by means of two Canals, one of the ſaid Canals to be cut and made from the River Liffey, near the New Cuſtom-Houſe, in Dublin, and the other of the ſaid Canals to be cut and made from Bolton-Street, in the City of Dublin; each of the ſaid Canals to be cut and made in ſuch directions as that the ſaid two Canals ſhall unite near Proſpect, on the road leading from Dublin to Glaſsnevin; which ſaid Canal is from thence to be conducted to or near the ſaid Town of Tarmonbury, by a line to be carried on thro' or near Kilcock, Kinnegad, and Mullingar; and alſo to make a Navigable Cut from ſuch part of the aforeſaid line of Navigation, as may appear expedient, to, or towards the towns of Trim, Kells, Athboy, and Caſtletown-Delvin; and alſo to make and cut all ſuch Navigable Off Branches from the ſaid lines of Navigation

One Canal from New Cuſtom-Houſe.

The other Canal from Bolton-ſtreet.

Both to unite near Proſpect.

Great line of the Canal.

Branch or branches from the main line.

tion to ſuch market-towns, or other places as may ſeem moſt expedient.

And our will and pleaſure is, and we do hereby direct and appoint that the capital ſtock of the ſaid Company ſhall be the ſum of 200,000l. that is to ſay, the aforeſaid ſum of 66,000l. ſo granted by the ſaid act, and the ſum of 134,000l. to be ſubſcribed as aforeſaid. And that it ſhall and may be lawful, to and for the ſaid Company, by any act or acts of the ſaid Company to be paſſed at any general meeting, or meetings, to be held as herein after mentioned, to open any further ſubſcription or ſubſcriptions, and thereby to raiſe any further ſum or ſums of money which they ſhall find neceſſary, not exceeding 300,000l. ſterling, for the purpoſe of carrying on the ſaid work; which further ſums when ſubſcribed ſhall be added to, and become a part of the joint ſtock of the ſaid Company.

Capital Stock 200,000l.

66,000l. granted by Parliament.

134,000l. ſubſcribed.

Which capital may be enlarged by a ſum not exceeding 300,000l.

And our will and pleaſure further is, and we do hereby alſo direct and appoint, that the ſeveral perſons who have ſubſcribed and ſhall ſubſcribe to the ſaid Undertaking ſhall, on or before the 10th day of November, 1789, pay into the hands of ſuch perſon as ſhall be appointed as Treaſurer by the majority of the ſaid Company, to be aſſembled for

Subſcribers to pay 5 per cent. of their reſpective ſubſcriptions by 10th November, 1789, to the Treaſurer.

for that purpose, as herein after mentioned, 5l. per centum of the sums which shall be by them respectively subscribed; and in default of such payment, the subscription of every person so failing to pay shall be absolutely void to all intents and purposes whatsoever. And that the said Company shall receive other subscriptions for filling up such deficiency, until the sum of 134,000l. in the whole shall be subscribed, and a deposit of 5l. per centum be made thereupon, as aforesaid.

Otherwise, their subscription to be void, and the deficiency filled up.

No original Subscriber less than 100l.

Nor more than 5000l.

Unless possessed thereof by bequest, or as executor or administrator.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, that no person shall be permitted to subscribe to the said Undertaking less than the sum of 100l. And that no one person shall be permitted to subscribe to the said Undertaking either by himself or herself, or by any person or persons in trust for him, or her, any greater sum, or to the amount of any greater sum, in the whole, than the sum of 5,000l. and that it shall not at any time be lawful for any one person, either by himself or herself, or any person or persons in trust for him or her, to purchase, take, or acquire, or to have, or be in any manner possessed of, or entitled to, any greater sum, or to the amount of any greater sum, in the capital stock of the said Company, than the said sum of 5,000l. in the whole: unless he or she shall become entitled to such

ſuch overplus by bequeſt, or as executor or adminiſtrator of ſome perſon deceaſed. And that if any one perſon ſhall by any means whatſoever (ſave by bequeſt or as executor or adminiſtrator as aforeſaid) either by himſelf or herſelf, or by any perſon or perſons in truſt for him or her, acquire or be in any manner poſſeſſed of any greater ſum, or to the amount of any greater ſum in the capital ſtock of the ſaid Company, than the ſum of 5,000l. in the whole; then, and in that caſe, ſuch part of the ſaid ſtock as ſuch perſons ſhall ſo acquire, or be poſſeſſed of, over and above the ſaid ſum of 5,000l. ſhall be forfeited for the benefit of the ſaid Company. And that it ſhall and may be lawful, to and for the ſaid Company, to ſell and diſpoſe of the ſame by public cant, and to apply the money ariſing by ſuch ſale to the purpoſes of the ſaid Undertaking.

Any perſon becoming poſſeſſed of more than 5000l. except by bequeſt or as executor or adminiſtrator, ſhall forfeit the ſame to the Company, and be diſpoſed of by public cant.

And our will and pleaſure further is, and we do hereby order, direct, and appoint, that the joint ſtock of the ſaid Company ſhall be divided into ſhares of 100l. each.

Joint ſtock divided into ſhares of 100l. each.

And our will and pleaſure further is, and we do hereby ordain and appoint, that the ſaid Company, and their ſucceſſors ſhall, in every year, hold four certain General Aſſemblies, or meetings, of

Four annual ſtated general meetings, 1ſt Feb. 11th May, 15th July, 15th Nov.

of the ſaid Company, that is to ſay, on every 1ſt day of February, 1ſt day of May, 15th day of July, and 15th day of November, unleſs any of the ſaid days ſhould happen on a Sunday, and in ſuch caſe, that the meeting ſhall be held on the following day. And ſhall alſo have full power and authority at all other times as occaſion ſhall require, to aſſemble in the city of Dublin, and from time to time to adjourn ſuch aſſemblies, and at ſuch aſſemblies, or any adjournment thereof, under the directions and regulations hereafter mentioned, to make ſuch by-laws for the better government of the ſaid Corporation; and for making ſuch contracts or agreements, and ſuch rules and orders, as may be neceſſary for carrying on the ſaid Navigation; and appointing ſuch engineers, overſeers, and other perſons for carrying on and conducting the buſineſs of the ſaid Navigation, as they ſhall think fit. Which by-laws, rules, or orders, being paſſed and agreed to at any aſſembly of the ſaid Company, or at any adjournment thereof, by a majority of the members of the ſaid Company preſent at ſuch aſſembly, or adjournment, and qualified to vote thereat as herein after is mentioned, ſhall be valid and binding upon the ſaid Company and the members thereof, and upon all perſons employed by them. And that the ſaid Company ſhall at ſuch aſſemblies,

Any of ſaid days falling on a Sunday, to be held on the following day.

At all other times may meet in Dublin, to make by-laws or other regulations.

By-laws or other regulations made by the majority of a legal aſſembly, binding on ſaid Company and dependents.

By-laws &c. may alſo be amended or

aſſemblies, or adjournments thereof, and by a majority of the perſons then preſent, qualified as aforeſaid, have full power and authority to alter, vary, and amend ſuch by-laws, rules, and orders, or any of them, as they ſhall think fit: provided always, that ſuch by-laws, rules, and orders, ſhall not be contrary to the laws or ſtatutes of our ſaid kingdom of Ireland.

annulled at any of ſaid meetings.

But no by-law, rule, or order, to be made contrary to the laws of the realm.

And our will and pleaſure further is, and we do hereby order, direct, and appoint, that ſeven days notice at the leaſt, including the day of ſuch notice, and the day of holding any aſſembly of the ſaid Company, (ſave the aforeſaid four ſtated aſſemblies, and ſuch aſſemblies as ſhall be held by adjournment) ſhall be given of the time and place of holding ſuch aſſembly, in ſuch public News-paper of the city of Dublin, as ſhall be agreed on by the ſaid Company. Save only, that when any ſuch aſſembly ſhall be intended to be held for the purpoſe of chooſing and electing directors of the ſaid Company, or of appointing any officer to the ſaid Company; or for taking into conſideration the diſmiſſal of any officer of the ſaid Company; or any complaint againſt any ſuch officer; or for the purpoſe of taking into conſideration any contract to be made relative to the ſaid Navigation, or the works thereof;

Seven days notice of holding any ſuch meetings (except the four general ſtated meetings, or adjourned meetings) to be given in a Dublin public News-paper.

But if a meeting is to be held for electing directors, or other officers, or for diſmiſſal of, or complaint againſt any officer, or relative to any contract or work to be carried on, for borrow-

ing money or disposing of any property, or for reward of any person, then fourteen days notice in two public Dublin Newspapers, to be given.

No new business to be entered on at any adjourned meeting.

of; or the borrowing of money, or letting or disposing of any of the estates or property of the said Company; or for the taking into consideration the carrying on any work or works appertaining to the aforesaid undertaking; or the rewarding any person or persons for any particular service or services; then, and upon any of the said last mentioned occasions, fourteen days notice at the least shall be given in two of the public Newspapers which shall be then published in the said city of Dublin; and that at any adjourned meeting, no new business shall be proposed or entered upon.

No person qualified to vote unless he have three shares of capital stock of 100l. each.

Nor then to have more than one vote, which vote may be given personally, or by proxy.

A vote by proxy to be

PROVIDED ALWAYS, and we do hereby direct and declare our will and pleasure to be, that no person shall be permitted or qualified to vote at any assembly of the said Company, or any adjournment thereof, or have any right to intermeddle in any sort in the affairs of the said Company, unless he or she shall have, in his or her own name and right, or in right of his or her testator, or intestate, at least three shares of the stock of the said Company of 100l. each; and that no Member of the said Company shall have more than one vote at each of the assemblies of the said Company; and that every Member who shall have a right to vote at such assemblies, may appear either in person or by proxy; such proxy being also a

Member

Member of the ſaid Company having a right to vote, and to be appointed by an inſtrument in writing, under the hand and ſeal of the perſon appointing ſuch proxy.

under the hand and ſeal of the perſon deputing.

And our will and pleaſure further is, and we do hereby ordain and direct, that in caſe any body-politic or corporate, ſhall at any time become poſſeſſed of, or entitled to three or more ſhares of the ſtock of the ſaid Company of 100l. each, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch body politic or corporate, by inſtrument in writing under their corporate ſeal, to appoint any perſon to vote on the part of ſuch body politic or coporate at ſuch aſſemblies as aforeſaid; and that it ſhall be lawful for the perſon who ſhall be ſo appointed, to give one vote on the part of ſuch body politic or corporate at every ſuch aſſembly, and in all reſpects to act as the other Members of the ſaid Company.

Any body politic or corporate, poſſeſſing three ſhares of 100l. each, may appoint, under ſeal, a proxy, who may act as one of the Members.

Provided also, and we do hereby direct and appoint, that after the expiration of twelve months, to be computed from the time when the aforeſaid ſubſcription ſhall be filled and completed, no perſon whatever ſhall be qualified or permitted to vote at any aſſembly or meeting of the ſaid Company, upon or by virtue of any aſſignment or transfer from any other perſon or perſons of any ſhare or ſhares

No perſon poſſeſſed of ſhares by aſſignment or transfer, before 12 months be paſt from the completing the original ſubſcription, and that the ſame be entered in the

transfer book 6 months, is qualified to vote.

ſhares of the ſtock of the ſaid Company, unleſs ſuch aſſignment or transfer ſhall have been really and actually made and entered in the transfer-book of the ſaid Company, for the full ſpace of ſix calendar months, previous to the time of his or her tendering ſuch vote or votes.

But not to affect perſons who become poſſeſſed by bequeſt, or as executors or adminiſtrators.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, that ſuch regulation ſhall not extend to, or affect any perſon or perſons who ſhall become poſſeſſed of, or entitled to any ſhare or ſhares of the ſaid ſtock by bequeſt, or as executor or adminiſtrator.

No perſon to give more than two votes as the proxy of any Member or Members.

AND PROVIDED ALSO, and we do hereby direct, ordain and declare, that no Member of the ſaid Company ſhall at any aſſembly of the ſaid Company, give more than two votes as the proxy of any other Member or Members of the ſaid Company.

No perſon to vote as proxy unleſs an entry of ſuch proxy be previouſly made in the Secretary's book, containing the names of the perſon granting and to whom granted, with the date thereof.

AND our will and pleaſure further is, and we do hereby direct, ordain and appoint, that before any perſon ſhall be permitted to vote in any aſſembly of the ſaid Company, under any proxy which ſhall be granted by any Member of the ſaid Company, an entry of ſuch proxy ſhall be made in a book to be kept by the Secretary of the ſaid Company for that purpoſe; which entry ſhall contain the date of ſuch proxy, and the name of the perſon

ſon granting the ſame; and alſo the name of the perſon to whom the ſame ſhall be granted. And that no perſon whatever, ſave the perſon named as proxy in ſuch entry, ſhall be permitted to vote as proxy for the perſon granting the proxy which ſhall be ſo entered. And that no more than one proxy ſhall be entered at the ſame time in the ſaid book. And that in caſe the perſon granting ſuch proxy ſhall afterwards grant a ſecond proxy to any other perſon, ſuch ſecond proxy ſhall not be voted under, or be of any force or effect, until the ſame ſhall be entered in the ſaid book. And that from the time of the entry of ſuch ſecond proxy in the ſaid book, the proxy which ſhall have been ſo firſt entered, ſhall become abſolutely null and void to all intents and purpoſes, and ſo from time to time as to all ſubſequent proxies, which ſhall be granted by any Member of the ſaid Company, the laſt of which proxies, which ſhall be ſo entered in the ſaid book, ſhall ſuperſede and render null and void all former proxies granted by the perſon granting ſuch laſt proxy; ſo as that no more than one perſon, ſhall at any one time be impowered to vote as proxy, for any Member of the ſaid Company, any reſervation, proviſo, or contingency, contained or expreſſed, or to be contained or expreſſed in any ſuch proxy, in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

But if the perſon granting ſuch proxy afterward iſſue another to a different perſon, this laſt, before of any effect, to be alſo entered as the foregoing, when the former becomes null; and ſo of every ſubſequent change.

No person qualified to vote unless, if required at the time, he take the prescribed oath before the Chairman.

And our will and pleasure is, and we do hereby direct, ordain and declare, that no person shall be qualified or permitted to vote in his own right, in any assembly or meeting of the said Company, who shall not, at such assembly or meeting, if thereto required by any Member of the said Company then present, (having a right to vote) take the following oath, (or, if of the people called Quakers, affirmation) before the Chairman, who shall preside at such assembly or meeting; and which oath or affirmation the said Chairman is hereby empowered to administer: that is to say,

The Oath of a Member.

" *I (A. B.) do swear* (or being of
" the people called Quakers, do affirm),
" *that I am now possessed of*
" *capital stock, in the*
" *Royal Canal Company, in my own right,*
" *or as executor or administrator of* (C. D.)
" *deceased; and that I do not hold the same,*
" *or any part thereof, directly or indirectly*
" *in trust for any other person or persons;*
" *and that I have not any confidence or ex-*
" *pectation, nor have I entered into any agree-*
" *ment, expressed or implied, that the person*
" *or persons from whom I purchased or ac-*
" *quired the same, will return to me, direct-*
" *ly or indirectly, the consideration or security*
" *which I gave for the said stock, upon my*
" *assigning the same to him, her, or them, or*
" *for his, her or their use. And that I did*
" *not purchase or acquire the said stock, or*
" *any part thereof, with any intention of*
" *re-assigning*

" *re assigning the same, or any part thereof,*
" *directly or indirectly, to any person or*
" *persons, from whom I purchased or acquir-*
" *ed the same, or to any other person or per-*
" *sons for his, her, or their use.*"

And our will and pleasure is, and we do hereby direct, ordain, and declare, that no person shall be qualified or permitted, at any meeting of the said Company, to vote by virtue of any proxy or proxies granted to him, or her, by any person or persons, unless the person or persons tendering such vote or votes, under such proxy or proxies, shall (if thereto required by any Member of the said Company then present having a right to vote) take the following oath, or if of the people called Quakers, affirmation, before the Chairman, who shall preside at such assembly or meeting; and which oath or affirmation the said Chairman is hereby empowered to administer: that is to say,

No person to vote by proxy unless, if required at the time, to take the prescribed oath.

" *I (A. B.) do swear, or affirm, that*
" *I verily believe that (C. D.) the per-*
" *son for whom I now vote as proxy, is pos-*
" *sessed in his, or her own right, or as execu-*
" *tor or administrator of (C. D.) (as the*
" *case may be) of the stock mentioned in the*
" *proxy by virtue of which I vote.*"

The oath of a proxy.

And our will and pleasure further is, and we do hereby direct, ordain and declare, that every person who shall sign an

Every person granting a proxy at signing the instrument to

make oath before a Justice of Peace.

an instrument of proxy, to enable another to vote for him or her, shall, at the time of signing such instrument, make, before any of our Justices of Peace, an affidavit, or, if of the people called Quakers, affirmation, to be annexed to such instrument in the words following.

The oath of a granter of a proxy.

" *I (A. B.) do swear, or affirm, that I* " *was, at the time of signing the annexed* " *instrument of proxy, and that I now am* " *possessed of the capital stock in the said in-* " *strument of proxy mentioned, in my own* " *right, as executor or administrator of (A.* " *B.) or (C. D.) deceased, (as the case may* " *be) and that I do not hold the same, or any* " *part thereof, directly or indirectly, in trust* " *for any other person or persons; and that* " *I have not entered into any agreement, ex-* " *pressed or implied, nor have I any confi-* " *dence or expectation, that the person or per-* " *sons from whom I purchased or acquired* " *the same will return to me, directly or in-* " *directly, the consideration or security which* " *I gave for the said stock, upon my assigning* " *the same to him, her, or them, for his,* " *her, or their use; and that I did not pur-* " *chase or acquire the said stock, or any part* " *thereof, with any intention of re-assigning* " *the same, or any part thereof, directly or* " *indirectly, to any person or persons from* " *whom I purchased or acquired the same, or* " *any other person or persons, for his, her,* " *or their use; and that I will, upon my*

" *ceasing*

" *ceasing to possess the said stock, inform the* " *Secretary of the said Company thereof, if* " *required by him so to do.*" And which oath such Justice or Justices of the Peace is and are hereby empowered to administer.

And our will and pleasure is, and we do hereby direct and ordain, that no person voting by proxy from any person representing any body politic or corporate, shall be required to take the aforesaid oaths, or any of them, so far as such person shall vote in right of such representation.

No proxy of a body politic or corporate obliged to take any of aforesaid oaths.

And we do hereby further direct, ordain and appoint, that a majority of votes at such assemblies, and all adjournments thereof, shall determine all matters in question before the said Company; and if there shall be an equality of votes, that the Chairman of such assemblies respectively shall have a casting vote, besides his vote as a Member of the said Company.

A majority of votes to determine; but on equality the Chairman a casting vote.

And our will and pleasure further is, and we do hereby ordain, direct and appoint, that to constitute a meeting of the said Company, of which seven days notice only shall be necessary to be given as aforesaid, there shall be present in person nine Members at the least, who shall have a right to vote under the regulations herein

Nine Members a legal meeting, with 7 days notice.

Thirteen Members a legal meeting with 14 days notice.

herein contained. And that to conſtitute a meeting of the ſaid Company, of which fourteen days notice ſhall be neceſſary to be given as aforeſaid, there ſhall be preſent in perſon thirteen perſons at the leaſt, who ſhall have a right to vote as aforeſaid, or otherwiſe that ſuch meetings reſpectively ſhall not have any power to act.

The accounts to be regularly kept in books to which every poſſeſſor of three ſhares may have acceſs.

And we do hereby further direct, ordain and appoint, that the accounts, tranſactions, and proceedings of the ſaid Company ſhall be fairly and regularly entered in books to be kept for that purpoſe, to which every perſon, having in his own name and right, or as executor or adminiſtrator to any perſon, three ſhares of one hundred pounds each, in ſuch joint ſtock; and any perſon repreſenting any body-politic or corporate as aforeſaid, may have acceſs at all reaſonable times to inſpect the ſame.

The company to receive from every veſſel a rate not exceeding 3d. a mile for every ton weight of cargo.

And we do hereby for us, our heirs and ſucceſſors, direct, declare, ordain and appoint, that in conſideration of the expence and trouble which the ſaid Company ſhall be put to in making and maintaining the ſaid Navigation, together with the Off-Branches thereof, it ſhall and may be lawful, to and for the ſaid Company, and their ſucceſſors, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, to aſk, demand, receive and ſue, for the uſe of the

ſaid

ſaid Company, the ſeveral rates and duties herein after mentioned: that is to ſay, For every boat, barge, or other veſſel navigating the ſaid Canal, or any part thereof, either upwards or downwards, in which any goods, merchandizes, or commodities, or other matter whatſoever ſhall be carried, ſuch rates and duties as the ſaid Company ſhall ordain and appoint, not exceeding the ſum of three-pence for every mile, for every ton of the burthen or tonage of ſuch barge or other veſſel, or for every ton weight of ſuch goods, merchandizes, commodities, or other matter whatſoever, which ſhall be carried upwards or downwards, at the diſcretion of the ſaid Company. And for each paſſenger in any ſuch veſſel, any ſum not exceeding the ſum of two-pence for every mile ſuch paſſenger ſhall be carried. And an additional rate, not exceeding two-pence per ton, for every lock any ſuch veſſel ſhall paſs through the communication of the ſaid Navigation, between the junctions of the aforeſaid Canals at Glaſſnevin road aforeſaid and the River Liffey. Save and except, and provided always, that no higher toll than three-half-pence per mile be charged on each ton weight of corn, meal, malt, or flour brought to Dublin by the ſaid Navigations.

And for every Paſſenger in ſuch veſſel at a Rate not exceeding 2d. a mile.

And an additional rate not exceeding 2d. a ton for every lock ſuch veſſel ſhall paſs, between the junction of the Canals at Glaſſnevin Road and the Liffey.

But corn, meal, &c. brought to Dublin, no higher toll than 1½d. a mile.

AND

No duty or cuſtom but thoſe taken as aforeſaid by the Company ſhall be taken for or upon any goods carried by ſaid Canal.

And further alſo, we do hereby order, ordain and appoint, that no duty, rate, toll or cuſtom whatſoever, ſave the rates herein mentioned to be taken by the ſaid Company, ſhall be taken by the ſaid Company for, upon, or out of any goods, merchandizes, commodities, or other matter whatſoever, which ſhall or may be carried by the ſaid Canal to or for any place whatſoever.

Proprietors of ſaid joint ſtock entitled to profits in proportion to their reſpective intereſts in ſaid ſtock.

And further alſo, we do hereby direct, ordain and appoint, that the proprietors of the ſaid joint ſtock, their executors, adminiſtrators and aſſigns, ſhall be entitled to the tolls, duties, advantages and profits hereby veſted in the ſaid Company, in proportion to their reſpective intereſts in the ſaid joint ſtock of the ſaid Company, ſubject to ſuch charges as the ſaid Company ſhall think fit to make for the completing and preſerving the ſaid works, and to the ſoil and water of the Canals, together with the banks thereof, and ſuch other portions of ground as the ſaid Company are impowered to acquire by virtue hereof.

Every proprietor of joint ſtock may bequeath or aſſign the ſame, but

And we do hereby alſo direct, ordain and appoint, that it ſhall and may be lawful for every proprietor of ſuch joint ſtock to bequeath the ſame, or to aſſign the ſame in his life-time, and that every aſſignment which ſhall be made of any part

part of the joint ſtock, ſhall be entered and made in a book for that purpoſe to be kept, at ſuch place as ſhall be appointed by the ſaid Company, and to be called the Transfer Book; and that no aſſignment ſhall be deemed good until entry be made in ſuch book as aforeſaid.

ſhall not be deemed valid until entry thereof be made in the Company's transfer Book.

And we do hereby alſo further direct, ordain and declare, that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid meetings, convened as herein before directed, from time to time, and at ſuch times as may be neceſſary, to require the ſeveral proprietors of the ſaid joint ſtock, to pay in ſuch parts of their reſpective ſubſcriptions as the ſaid meetings ſhall think neceſſary for carrying on the ſaid works; provided always, that no greater ſum than twenty pounds per cent. on the ſeveral original ſubſcriptions ſhall be required to be paid in any one year. And that in caſe any of the proprietors of the ſaid joint ſtock, their repreſentatives or aſſigns, ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay the ſum ſo called for, within thirty days after the time appointed by ſuch meetings for the payment thereof, notice ſhall be given in two public newſpapers in the city of Dublin, that the ſaid Company will proceed to ſell by public cant, on ſuch days as ſhall be ſpecified in ſuch notice, the ſhare or ſhares of the perſon or perſons ſo refuſing or neglecting to pay the ſum or ſums which they

The proprietors of ſaid joint ſtock may be required, by a meeting, to pay in ſuch proportions of their original Subſcriptions, not exceeding 20 per cent. in one year, as ſhall be judged neceſſary.

But if ſuch Proprietors ſhall not pay in the ſums required within the limitations ſpecified, then their ſhares to be ſold by public cant, and the profits accruing to veſt in the purchaſers.

they ſhall have been required to pay; and unleſs ſuch perſon or perſons ſhall before the day ſpecified in ſuch notice pay the reſpective ſums ſo required to the ſaid Company, or ſuch perſons as they ſhall appoint for the purpoſe, the ſaid Company ſhall ſell by public cant at the uſual place of the ſaid Company's meeting, the ſhare or ſhares of the perſon or perſons ſo refuſing to pay, and the money for which the ſame ſhall be ſold ſhall be paid to the ſaid Company, for the uſe of ſuch proprietor or proprietors. And ſuch proprietor or proprietors from thenceforth ſhall be for ever barred from ſuch ſhare or ſhares, and all profits ariſing therefrom, and of all intereſt in the ſame, both in law or equity; and ſuch ſhare or ſhares, and all profits and advantages ariſing therefrom, ſhall from thenceforth be veſted in ſuch purchaſer or purchaſers.

And our will and pleaſure further is, and we do hereby direct and appoint, that ſuch notice ſhall be given at leaſt thirty days previous to the ſale, including the day of ſuch notice and the day of ſale.

The clear profits to be divided among the Proprietors

And we do hereby alſo further direct and appoint, that the clear profits which ſhall ariſe to the ſaid Company from the ſeveral duties hereby veſted in them, or otherwiſe,

otherwiſe, or ſo much thereof as ſhall be thought proper, ſhall, from time to time, at Lady Day and at Michaelmas, or within fifteen days after the ſaid feaſts reſpectively, be divided and paid to and amongſt the reſpective proprietors of the ſaid joint ſtock, in proportion to their ſeveral and reſpective ſhares and intereſts therein.

in proportion to their reſpective ſhares and intereſts, half yearly.

And that if the ſaid Company ſhall have occaſion at any time to borrow money for carrying on the ſaid works, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Company to take up and borrow upon the credit of the ſaid works and their eſtate therein, or upon any annuity or annuities, for one or more life or lives to be charged upon the ſame, or the aforeſaid tolls, rates, and duties, any ſum not exceeding the amount of the ſubſcriptions actually expended on ſaid works, at any rate of intereſt not exceeding legal intereſt, and to ſtrike debentures for ſuch ſum ſo borrowed, in ſuch manner as ſaid Company ſhall appoint; which debentures, or life annuities, ſhall be an actual charge and lien upon ſuch parts of the ſaid Company's eſtate as ſhall be therein ſpecified.

The Company may, borrow any ſum not exceeding the amount of the ſubſcriptions expended on ſaid works, at an intereſt not exceeding the legal, and ſtrike Debentures for the ſame.

And, laſtly, we do declare and ordain, that theſe our letters patent, and every clauſe, ſentence and article therein contained, or the enrollment thereof, ſhall be in all things firm, valid, ſufficient and effectual

Charter to be enrolled in the court of Chancery within ſix months from 1ſt October, 1789.

fectual in the law unto the ſaid Company, according to the purport and tenor thereof, without any further grant, licence, or toleration from us, our heirs or ſucceſſors, to be procured or obtained.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, that theſe our Letters Patent be enrolled in the Rolls of our High Court of Chancery, in our ſaid kingdom of Ireland, within the ſpace of ſix months from the date hereof, otherwiſe theſe our Letters Patent to be null, void, and of no effect, any thing herein contained to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

IN witneſs whereof we have cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patent. WITNESS our aforeſaid Juſtices General and General Governors of our ſaid kingdom of Ireland, at Dublin the firſt day of October, in the twenty-ninth year of our Reign.

O'BRIEN.

(SEAL.)

(Enrolled the 24th October, 1789.)

RULES

OF THE

ROYAL CANAL COMPANY.

THAT for the better managing the affairs of the Company, and eſtabliſhing a continual ſucceſſion of perſons to be Directors thereof, a general aſſembly of the Company ſhall meet within one calendar month from the day of the date of their incorporation, fourteen days notice being firſt given of the ſaid meeting.

A general meeting within one month after incorporation, giving 14 days notice thereof.

And that the Company ſhall, at ſuch aſſembly, proceed to elect and chooſe from among the Members thereof, and by a majority of votes of the Members of the Company then preſent in perſon, or by proxy, forty-one perſons to be directors; each of which perſons ſhall be poſſeſſed of and intitled unto ſix hundred pounds at the

To chuſe 41 perſons as Directors, poſſeſſed of at leaſt 600l. ſtock, each.

the leaſt of the capital ſtock of the Company; which ſaid forty-one Directors ſo elected and choſen, ſhall continue in office as Directors, from the time of ſuch election until others ſhall be duly choſen in their reſpective places; unleſs they, or any of them, ſhall ſooner die, reſign, or become diſqualified.

To continue in office unleſs prevented by death, reſignation or diſqualification.

And that in each and every year for ever thereafter, a general aſſembly of the Company ſhall meet on ſome day in the month of January in every year, fourteen days previous notice of ſuch meeting being given; and ſhall in like manner elect and chooſe from among the Members of the Company, and by the majority of votes of the Members of the Company then preſent, either in perſon or by proxy, forty-one perſons, to be Directors of the Company for the year then next enſuing; each of which perſons ſhall be poſſeſſed of ſix hundred pounds at the leaſt of the ſaid capital ſtock; and which ſaid forty-one perſons ſo to be annually choſen, ſhall ſeverally continue in office for one year, from the time of ſuch their election, and until others ſhall be duly choſen into their places reſpectively; unleſs in caſe of death, reſignation, or diſqualification.

An annual general meeting in Jan. for ever, for electing Directors for the year then enſuing, qualified as aforeſaid, with like notice of 14 days.

To continue in office, for one year, unleſs prevented as aforeſaid.

That the ſaid forty-one perſons ſo to be choſen and elected, or any five or more

Said Directors, or any

more of them, ſhall be called A COURT OF DIRECTORS, for the ordering, managing and directing the affairs of the Company; and ſhall, under the rules, orders and regulations of the Company, carry on, conduct and tranſact the general buſineſs of the Company: ſubject nevertheleſs to the control of the Company.

five of them, a Court of Directors, for tranſacting all buſineſs agreeable to the laws, but within the control of the Company.

THAT no perſon ſhall continue in office as a director longer than he ſhall be poſſeſſed, in his own name and right, of ſix hundred pounds at the leaſt in the capital ſtock of the ſaid Company; but that upon parting with ſo much of his ſhare in the ſaid ſtock as may reduce the ſame to any leſſer ſum than ſix hundred pounds, the office of ſuch Director ſhall ceaſe and become vacant, and another Director ſhall be choſen in his room by the Company, in manner aforeſaid.

Any Director not continuing to poſſeſs 600l. ſtock, becomes diſqualified, and another to be choſen in his room.

THAT in caſe of the death, reſignation, or diſqualification of any of the ſaid Directors for the time being, the ſurvivors of them, or the majority of thoſe remaining in office, ſhall, within one month of ſuch death, reſignation, or diſqualification of any of the ſaid Directors, call an aſſembly of the Company, in order to elect, and the Company ſhall at ſuch aſſembly elect another perſon, or other perſons qualified as aforeſaid, in the room of the perſon or perſons

Within one month after diſqualification, reſignation, or demiſe of any Director or Directors, ſuch vacancies to be filled up by an aſſembly of the Company.

persons who shall die, resign, or become disqualified.

Subscribers to receive legal interest on the sums advanced by them, half yearly, until a dividend of profits be made;

That until a dividend shall be made of the profits which shall arise to the Company from the said Undertaking, the several subscribers shall, out of the property of the Company, be paid legal interest for the sums which shall be by them respectively advanced, from the time of their advancing the same respectively; such interest to be paid half yearly, at Lady-day and Michaelmas in every year, until such dividend of the said profits shall be made among the said subscribers. And that from and after the making of such dividend, the said interest shall cease and be no longer payable.

Provided the capital be not reduced thereby lower than that entitling Company to 66,000l. Parliamentary Aid, nor that the same come into any imprest account.

PROVIDED that the funds of the Company shall not, by payment of such interest, be at any time reduced to a lesser sum than that directed by Act of Parliament to be subscribed and raised for said Undertaking to intitle the Company to the aid of 66,000l. provided for them by the said Act. And that no payment, on account of such interest, shall be brought into any account of expenditure which may be laid before the Commissioners of Imprest Accounts, for the purpose of claiming any part of said aid.

THAT

THAT no perſon ſhall be elected into any office or employment under the Company, until the ſaid Court of Directors ſhall have firſt reported to the Company their opinion, after due examination, that ſuch perſon appears to them to be eligible for the office for which he ſhall propoſe himſelf as a candidate.

No perſon to be elected into office, until Court of Directors report to Company their eligibility.

THAT no Member of the Company, who ſhall qualify himſelf to vote in the meetings or aſſemblies of the ſaid Company, or grant a proxy to any perſon to vote for him, ſhall enter into or be in any manner, directly or indirectly, concerned in any contract with the Company, or hold any lucrative office or employment whatever under the Company, or enter into ſecurity to the Company for any officer or contractor.

No Member to enter into any contract with the Company, or hold any lucrative office, or be ſecurity for ſuch.

AND that no officer of the Company ſhall enter into, or be in any manner, directly or indirectly, concerned in any contract, or enter into any ſuch ſecurity as aforeſaid, ſave ſuch ſecurity as ſuch officer may enter into for the faithful performance of the office or employment which he ſhall hold under the Company.

No officer of the Company to enter into, or be concerned in any ſuch contract or ſecurity.

THAT the Company, at their firſt general meeting, ſhall determine on the two newſpapers they will advertize in.

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Proceedings of former meeting first read and and signed at subsequent one.

THAT at all meetings of the Company, or Court of Directors, the proceedings of the last meeting shall be first read, and signed by the Chairman.

No Member to be present when business anywise concerning him, is immediately before the assembly.

THAT when any Member of the Company, or Court of Directors, is personally interested in any matter depending before the Company or Court of Directors, he shall withdraw whilst that subject is under consideration.

The books to be properly Index'd.

THAT the books of the Company, and Court of Directors, shall have an index, by which reference may be easily had to every transaction.

Work to be executed every year, to be estimated at commencement, that expences may equalize income.

THAT prior to the commencement of the works in every year, the Company shall determine what length of navigation shall be executed in the ensuing year: so soon as they shall ascertain the amount of the expence thereof, by the contracts necessary to be entered into for its completion. And that the sums expended in each year shall, as nearly as possible, equalize the income of the Company.

Depository for seal, &c. keys of which kept by three Members.

THAT a proper Repository shall be provided for the Seal of the Company; and for deeds, maps, sections, and all papers of consequence, with three locks, the keys of which shall be deposited with three Members, to be chosen annually by the

the Company, when the Directors are elected.

THAT no deed, map, ſection, or other paper of conſequence, ſhall be permitted to be taken out of the Company's houſe, without a receipt be given for the ſame, in a book kept for that purpoſe.

No deed, map, &c. taken, without receipt entered in the book.

THAT the Charter and Rules of the Company be printed for the information of the Members.

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EXTRACTS

FROM

An Act of Parliament for the Promotion and Encouragement of Inland Navigation passed in Ireland, *Anno Regni Vicesimo Nono Georgii* III. *Regis.*

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"AND be it further enacted, that Debentures to the amount of sixty-six thousand pounds, bearing an interest after the rate of four pounds per centum per annum, be issued to such persons as are, or shall be Undertakers for completing a Navigable Canal from Dublin to Tarmonbury on the River Shannon, pursuant to their petition presented to the House of Commons this Session of Parliament,

66,000l. to issue in Debentures at 4 per cent. per ann. as herein.

ment, subject to the several conditions, limitations, and restrictions herein after mentioned."

Said debentures not to be issued before 25 Mar. 1790, for greater sum in the whole than 25,000l.

nor for more than 25,000l. in any year after;

in case of application for more than 25,000l. in one year, those first applying to have priority in the year succeeding.

"And be it further enacted, That such debentures shall not be issued before the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, for any greater sum in the whole than twenty-five thousand pounds; and after the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, that such debentures shall not be issued in any one year for the purposes herein mentioned, for any greater sum than the sum of twenty-five thousand pounds in the whole, but in case application shall be made within any one year for debentures, exceeding in the whole such sum of twenty-five thousand pounds by persons entitled under this act to receive the same, such persons so applying, shall be entitled to receive such debentures in the subsequent year, according to the priority of time in which such applications for debentures were made by them respectively."

Lord Lieutenant may authorize the Vice Treasurers to issue debentures for a further sum

"Provided always, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant General, or other Chief Governor of this kingdom for the time being, to authorize the Vice-Treasurer or Vice-Treasurers, Paymaster or Paymasters-General, his or their Deputy or Deputies, to issue debentures

tures for a further ſum in any one year, not exceeding ten thouſand pounds." not exceeding 10,000l. in any year.

" PROVIDED always, and be it enacted, That no debentures ſhall be iſſued, and that no ſuch grants ſhall be made to any ſuch Subſcribers, Undertakers, or Bodies Corporate, unleſs ſuch Subſcribers, Undertakers, or Bodies Corporate, ſhall actually have expended of their proper money on the navigation under their management reſpectively double the ſum which they ſhall demand of the public money, and ſuch Subſcribers, Undertakers, or Bodies Corporate reſpectively, ſhall not be entitled to receive a debenture or debentures for any ſum of the public money, until proof ſhall be made by or on behalf of ſuch Subſcribers, Undertakers, or Bodies Corporate reſpectively, before the Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts of the expenditute of a ſum amounting to double the ſum for which ſuch Subſcribers, Undertakers, or Bodies Corporate reſpectively, ſhall demand one or more debentures purſuant to this act, it being the true intent and meaning of this act, that ſuch Subſcribers, Undertakers, or Bodies Corporate reſpectively, ſhall actually have expended of their proper money, a ſum in the proportion of two-thirds for one-third which they ſhall receive of the public money, and ſuch Subſcribers, Undertakers, or Bodies Corporate

Provided that ſubſcribers have expended of their own money double what they apply for;

proof to be made before Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts of ſuch expenditure,

the intention being, that ſuch companies ſhall expend 2-3ds of their proper money for 1-3d of the public money,

and shall also prove before said Commissioners the expenditure of the 1-3d. before receiving any debenture for the same.

porate respectively, shall prove before the said Commissioners of Imprest Accounts, the expenditure of said one-third part for which one or more debentures shall have issued as aforesaid, before they shall be entitled to receive any debenture pursuant to this act, upon any further application for carrying on, or completing such works.

Bodies corporate entitled to any benefit under this Act, to deposite in National Bank 1-10th part of their subscriptions, or Government Securities for the same, and be entitled to the interest on securities so deposited, such deposite to be made in 18 months after 24 June 1789.

"And be it enacted, that all bodies corporate, who are entitled to any benefit under this Act, shall deposite with the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, who are hereby required to receive the same, one-tenth part of their respective subscriptions or government securities for such tenth part, such subscriptions respectively being double the sum for which such bodies corporate respectively are by this Act entitled to receive debentures, and such bodies corporate, depositing such government securities, shall be entitled to receive the interest payable on the same, so long as they shall remain deposited in the said Bank, which deposite shall be made by such bodies corporate respectively, within eighteen calendar months after the twenty-fourth day of June next."

Bodies corporate expending any sum in carrying on

"Provided always, and be it enacted, that if such bodies corporate respectively, shall within the said eighteen months, actually expend any sum in the carryin

carrying on ſuch works, and prove ſuch expenditure before the ſaid Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts, ſuch bodies corporate ſhall have credit for, and be entitled to ſo much in their reſpective depoſites, and ſuch bodies corporate ſhall after the expiration of ſix calendar months from the twenty-fourth day of June next, be entitled to one or more debentures under this Act, purſuant to the regulations and reſtrictions herein before mentioned, and all ſuch ſums of their proper money as they ſhall have actually expended in carrying on or completing ſuch works reſpectively."

works within ſaid 18 months, and proving the ſame as herein, to be allowed the ſame in their depoſite;

after ſix months from 24 June 1789 to be entitled to debentures purſuant to regulations before recited.

"PROVIDED always, and be it further enacted, that no ſuch bodies corporate ſhall be entitled to any benefits under this Act, ſave as aforeſaid, who ſhall not have depoſited with the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, either in money or by government ſecurities, or ſhall have actually expended on ſuch works as aforeſaid, ſuch tenth part of their reſpective ſubſcriptions, being the ſum for which ſuch bodies corporate reſpectively are by this act entitled to receive debentures."

Such bodies corporate not entitled to any benefits who have not depoſited in the National Bank in money or ſecurities 1-10th of their ſubſcription.

"AND be it further enacted, that if ſuch depoſite ſhall not have been made by ſuch bodies corporate, and if the whole thereof ſhall not be expended as aforeſaid on

If ſuch depoſite be not made and the whole expended in 18

months, ſuch part thereof as is not expended to be forfeited to His Majeſty.

on ſuch works, within eighteen calendar months after ſuch depoſite ſhall have been ſo made, that then a moiety of ſuch depoſite, or of ſuch part thereof, as ſhall not have been expended on ſuch works within ſuch time, ſhall be forfeited to his Majeſty, his heirs and ſucceſſors."

Governor and Co. of the Bank to repay to perſons making depoſites ſuch part thereof as ſhall be certified to have been expended on ſuch works.

"And be it enacted, that the Governor and Company of the ſaid Bank ſhall, from time to time, repay to the perſon or perſons ſo making ſuch depoſites reſpectively, ſo much of the ſame as ſhall be certified to the ſaid Governor and Company by the Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts, to have been expended on ſuch works reſpectively, by the perſon or perſons who ſhall have made ſuch depoſites."

No higher toll than 1½d. per mile to be paid for every ton weight of corn, &c. brought by any new Canal or Navigation to Dublin; ſame toll for water carriage, if partly brought by land carriage and partly by water.

"And be it further enacted, that no higher toll than one penny half penny per mile be paid on every ton weight of corn, meal, malt, or flour, brought to the City of Dublin, either on any new Canal or Navigation made, improved, or completed under this Act, or if partly by Canal and partly by land carriage, no greater toll ſhall be charged or paid on the Canal Carriage only."

"And be it further enacted, that if the charges on the ſaid ſum of two hundred thouſand pounds ſterling, ſhall not amount to the whole of the ſaid ſum, the propor-

proportions not applied for ſhall be granted to ſuch future applications, for the purpoſes of Navigation only, as ſhall meet the approbation of Parliament, and ſhall be depoſited with the Clerk of the Houſe of Commons before the firſt day of the meeting of Parliament, in the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-one."

If the charges on the ſaid ſum of 200,000l. ſhall not amount to the whole of ſaid ſum, ſuch part not applied for ſhall be diſpoſed of to ſuch applications of a ſimilar kind, and ſhall be depoſited with the clerk of the houſe of commons before the 1ſt day of the meeting of parliament in 1791.

"And be it enacted, That ſo ſoon as any Subſcribers to any of the ſaid undertakings ſhall be conſtituted and created into a body corporate, they ſhall be, and ſtand inveſted with, and ſhall hold and enjoy all and ſingular the like powers, privileges, advantages, and authorities in all things, for the purpoſes of carrying on the ſaid navigations and off-branches, as were before the paſſing of this act veſted in the corporation for promoting and carrying on an inland navigation in Ireland, by virtue of the ſeveral acts of parliament heretofore paſſed in this kingdom, relative to and concerning inland navigation, and as are now veſted by law in the Company of Undertakers of the Grand Canal, for the purpoſe of enabling them to carry on the ſaid Canal; and alſo the like powers as were by the ſaid acts heretofore veſted in the ſaid corporation for promoting and carrying on an inland navigation in Ireland, and as are now veſted in the ſaid Company of Undertakers

When ſubſcribers ſhall be conſtituted a body corporate, they ſhall be veſted with ſuch powers as were heretofore veſted in the corporation for carrying on Inland Navigations, and as are now veſted in

Grand Canal Company;

with like powers as were vested in corporation for Inland Navigation and Grand Canal Companies to summon juries to value lands, &c.

Undertakers of the Grand Canal, to enable them to summon juries for the valuing any lands, houses, gardens, tenements, and hereditaments (gardens, orchards, yards, lawns, walled deer-parks, and planted avenues excepted) as may be necessary for completing the said works, and for making such wharfs, quays, storehouses, market-houses, locks, basons, and docks, and other conveniencies, as may be judged by such Subscribers and Undertakers when incorporated respectively, proper for the said works, and also all such lands as may be necessary for the making of banks, and towing paths for the aforesaid navigations, and that the said Subscribers and Undertakers when incorporated respectively, may be enabled to hold such lands, houses, tenements, and hereditaments, as they shall so purchase; and further that such Subscribers and Undertakers when incorporated, shall be vested with the like powers, to take, turn, and draw into the said navigations and off-branches the waters of all such rivers, rivulets, lakes, and brooks, as may be necessary for carrying on the aforesaid works, first making compensation as by the said acts directed, to the proprietors of any mills or bleach-greens which may be damaged by the said works, provided such mills or bleach-greens were erected before the first day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine."

Such subscribers empowered to draw into said Navigation all waters, rivulets, &c. as herein,

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"And

"And in order to provide for the payment of the intereſt of the ſaid ſum of two hundred thouſand pounds, or ſuch part thereof as ſhall be iſſued by the Vice-Treaſurer or Vice-Treaſurers, Paymaſter or Paymaſters General, his or their Deputy or Deputies, on debentures to carry an intereſt after the rate of four pounds per centum per annum; Be it enacted, That for ſo much of the ſaid ſum of two hundred thouſand pounds, for which debentures ſhall be iſſued, there ſhall be paid at the receipt of your Majeſty's Exchequer, by the hands of the Vice-Treaſurer or Vice-Treaſurers, Paymaſter or Paymaſters General, his or their Deputy or Deputies, at the end of every ſix calendar months, to the perſon or perſons entitled to ſuch debentures, his, her, or their executors, adminiſtrators or aſſigns, ſuch intereſt, not exceeding the rate of four pounds per centum per annum, and to commence reſpectively from the twenty-fourth of June next, or from ſuch time ſubſequent thereto, at which ſuch debentures ſhall be iſſued, without any fee or charge, and free from all deductions, defalcations, or abatements whatſoever, until ſuch time as they ſhall be reſpectively paid their principal money at one entire payment."

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"And be it further enacted, That every ſuch debenture ſo to be iſſued, ſhall be for the preciſe ſum of one hundred pounds, and

Debentures ſo to be iſſued to be for 100l. each,

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Vote. No perſon qualified to vote, unleſs he have three ſhares of capital ſtock of 100l. each, 14. Nor have more than one vote, which he may give perſonally or by proxy, *ib.* Such proxy to be a Member having a right to vote, and be appointed under hand and ſeal, 15. No perſon by virtue of ſhares by aſſignment or transfer, qualified to vote, before twelve months be paſt from completing the original ſubſcription, and that the ſame be entered ſix months in the Transfer Book, 15, 16. But this not to affect perſons poſſeſſing ſhares by bequeſt, or as executor or adminiſtrator, 16. No perſon to give more than two votes as the proxy of any Member or Members, *ib.* No perſon to vote as proxy unleſs regular entry of ſuch proxy be made in the Secretary's book, 16. No perſon either for himſelf, or as proxy, to vote, unleſs if required he take the preſcribed oaths, 18, 19. No perſon qualified to vote, entering into any contract or ſecurity with Company, 33.

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Works of the Company to be executed in every year, an eſtimate of the expence of, before their commencement to be aſcertained, that the ſame may equal their income, 34. Done within 18 months after 24th June 1789, the expence allowed in bank depoſit, 41. Such depoſit not being made, and the whole expended in 18 months, the unexpended part to be forfeited to his Majeſty, 41-2.